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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Any Given Legislative Session



Last year as we celebrated the 100th year since the creation of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), I expressed my opinion regarding the need for nursing to regulate nursing and the history of the Board from its inception to establish and enforce standards of

nursing education and practice.

In Spring 2012, I asked the questions: "Can we say today that we are in control of our own destiny as a profession? Are we confident that in any given legislative session, only legislation in alignment with the values of the nursing profession will pass or are we vulnerable to the passage of legislation that may actually undermine the standards of nursing education and nursing practice that we have achieved?"

Now, here we are, Spring 2013, faced with the 2013 Legislative Session and two proposed bills that would directly impact the authority of the LSBN to regulate nursing practice and establish standards for nursing education programs.

First, HB 120, by Representative Pugh, requires the LSBN to approve "those programs approved by national and regional institutional accrediting agencies ... that are recognized by the United States Department of Education". It further states that the Board shall "afford all other professional and industry-related privileges to institutions offering nursing education programs accredited by these agencies, including the right for graduates to take the requisite licensing examination." While I believe that it is not the intent of Representative Pugh, the bill in its current form seems to allow nationally accredited institutions (private/proprietary) to offer nursing education programs without meeting

the standards of the Board or standards for national nursing education.

Secondly, SB192, by Senator Erdey, transfers the jurisdiction of nurse practitioners from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). The bill strikes "nurse practitioner" from the definition of 'advanced practice registered nurse' and creates a 'nurse practitioner act' under the auspices of LSBME. This is a twenty seven (27) page bill and, of course, there are many aspects of concern to nurse practitioners, however, the basic principle for all of nursing is the authority of the LSBN to regulate nursing practice.

While a lot can change with these proposed legislative instruments in the session ahead, I must take a moment to reinforce my earlier words. It takes organization and a unified vision to move the profession forward. If we are to protect the right of the profession to self-regulate, it takes all of nursing to support that right. Self-regulation is a public trust that we must value and protect. Earning the right is not a privilege that we can take for granted. We may just be called upon to earn that right over and over any given legislative session!

For the public trust,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN





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Executive Director Announces Retirement

Barbara Morvant has announced her retirement as Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) effective November 2013. As Mrs. Morvant prepares to part with the work she has loved and has passionately carried out for so many years, she does so in the knowledge that it is time for her to pass the torch to new leadership who will guide the LSBN forward into the future.

Mrs. Morvant will have served as the Executive Director for LSBN for 25 years at the time of her retirement. She was appointed Executive Director in 1988 when LSBN was located in New Orleans, Louisiana and hundreds of students would travel from across the state to the Board of Nursing to take the pencil and paper National Council Licensure Examination. According to Mrs. Morvant, "We have truly made tremendous strides in the areas of nursing education, computer adaptive testing, and nursing regulation". Before joining LSBN, Mrs. Morvant served as the Executive Director for the Louisiana State Nurses Association, bringing with her vast experience in the areas of administration, health policy, and the legislative process, as well as a background in nursing education.

Mrs. Morvant has worked to serve and protect the public, while at the same time, advancing professional nursing in Louisiana over the past 25 years. The following are just a few of Mrs. Morvant's many accomplishments during her tenure as Executive Director of LSBN:

- Incorporation of the Recovering Nurse Program under the auspices of the Board
- Re-enactment of the nurse practice act to include licensure of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) including prescriptive authority
- Re-establishment and purchase of the new LSBN office in Baton Rouge under the direction of the Board following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- Establishment of the Louisiana Center for Nursing
- Partnering with AARP to establish the Louisiana Action Coalition for the Future of Nursing

"Mrs. Morvant's expertise and vision have helped the Board to strategically structure the organization for its current and future successes" states Dr. Demetrius Porche, President of LSBN. The Board has initiated the development of a leadership succession plan which includes the launch of a national search beginning in April

2013 to identify a new executive director that will guide the work of LSBN. Mrs. Morvant has conveyed her willingness to be available to the Board following her retirement to help with LSBN's transition as the Board and Board staff work together to continue the effectiveness and efficiency demonstrated under her leadership.

Mrs. Morvant extends thanks and appreciation for the many individuals with whom she has had the privilege of working with including past members of the LSBN Board and staff, the nursing community, and stakeholders at the regional and national levels. It has been her privilege to serve the citizens of Louisiana and she plans to continue to be an advocate for the profession of nursing after her retirement.

Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) Executive Director Position Announcement

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing has initiated a national search to fill its Executive Director position. Candidate Qualifications include but are not limited to the following: holds current licensure (or is prepared to become licensed) as an RN in Louisiana, holds a doctorate in nursing or a related field, has at least 5 years of successful experience in administration and/or healthcare/policy and project management, has a broad concept of nursing theory, practice, and nursing education, possesses good knowledge of fiscal practices and human resource management, holds membership and remains active in professional associations/organizations, and is a citizen of the United States.

For job specifications and additional information click [here](#). All resumes, calls, and questions are to be directed to Kent Rapp with Grant Cooper & Associates at rapp@grantcooper.com or 314-726-5291 x127.

Disciplinary Matters

LSBN took a total of 33 actions at the December 11, 2012 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link below:
[December 11, 2012](#)

LSBN took a total of 40 actions at the January 8, 2013 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link below:
[January 8, 2013](#)

LSBN took a total of 64 actions at the February 19, 2013 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link below:
[February 19, 2013](#)





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APRN Corner

Prescription Monitoring Program for Controlled Substances

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy developed and operates a state-of-the-art electronic system, the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), that monitors controlled substances and other drugs of concern dispensed in the state or to an address within the state. The goal is to inhibit and identify the abuse and diversion of such drugs. This program assists APRNs and other prescribers with controlled substance privileges to utilize their prescriptive authority in a prudent and responsible manner. Some of the specific benefits to enrolling in the PMP include:

- Prescribers can verify details regarding the controlled substance prescriptions that have been provided to specific patients.
- Compliance with pain management contracts can be verified.
- Prescribers can verify the controlled substance prescriptions that are being filled that are affiliated with their DEA registration numbers to clarify patterns, identify potential fraud, and correct discrepancies.
- Prescribers have an opportunity to identify and assist patients with addiction and substance abuse disorders.
- Patterns of “doctor shopping” can be identified. A definition of “doctor shopper” is defined in LA R.S.40:971.B(1)(i) and is considered unlawful.

The program is available to APRNs as a valuable tool in serving and protecting the health care needs and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana. The PMP also assists in maintaining the integrity of prescribing practices. Visit www.pharmacy.la.gov and select the menu item titled “PMP (Prescription Monitoring Program)” for more information. Then select “RXSentry® Orientation Course” to complete the requirements.

Changes in Providing CDL/CMV Medical Examinations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has developed a National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. All health care professionals who are authorized to perform physical examinations and issue medical certificates for commercial motor vehicle

(CMV) drivers must be certified and listed on FMCSA's National registry by **May 21, 2014**. Medical certificates issued prior to this date will be considered valid until the expiration date. Once certified, an examiner must complete and electronically transmit reports to FMCSA monthly. For more details see <http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov> or contact the Louisiana Office of Motor vehicles.

Do I Need a DNP for Licensure?

A Doctorate of Nursing Practice/DNP degree is not currently required by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) in order to be eligible for licensure as an APRN. The suggestion that entry level into practice for nurse practitioners be the DNP is a recommendation made by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties/ NONPF. Though LSBN does not currently require the DNP, some educational institutions and accrediting bodies have moved toward meeting or have met the NONPF recommendation. If you are enrolled in a graduate program or interested in enrolling, check with the academic institution to determine its requirements. Also, keep abreast of what the certifying bodies require to be eligible for national certification.

APRN Licensure in an Additional Role or Population

If you have been issued an APRN license and then achieve additional education and certification in an additional APRN role and/or population, you may need to apply for licensure in the additional APRN role and population. If the additional education and certification expands your basic scope of practice beyond the role and population of your initial licensure, you will likely need to apply. Licensure is not currently available in sub-specialty areas of practice (ie. oncology, palliative care, etc). Check the list on our website which identifies approved national certifying organizations and the approved roles and populations which are currently considered eligible for licensure (<http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/forms/aprncertifyingorganizations.pdf>). Remember that your prescriptive authority authorizes you to provide services within the scope of practice of a specific role and population. Contact the LSBN APRN Compliance Officer for any questions.





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Patient Abandonment
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The Louisiana Nurse Practice Act, LA R.S. 37:911, nor Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards Part XLVII Nurses subpart 2 Registered Nurses, specifically address patient abandonment. According to the American Nurses Association, patient abandonment is defined as “a unilateral severance of the established nurse-patient relationship without giving reasonable notice to the appropriate person so that arrangements can be made for continuation of nursing care by others.” National Council of State Boards of Nursing defines patient abandonment as “the intentional desertion of or leaving a patient for whom the nurse is responsible without providing another nurse or appropriate care taker to assume care upon the nurse’s leaving. “

Two criteria must be met for patient abandonment to have occurred:

1. The nurse accepted a patient assignment and established a nurse-patient relationship.
2. The nurse severed the relationship without giving notice to another care taker, thus creating a new nurse-patient relationship and continuation of care.

Patient abandonment complaints that are investigated and found to have met the aforementioned criteria may result in disciplinary action according to LAC 46:XLVII.3405 under the following:

- Leaving a nursing assignment without properly notifying appropriate personnel
- Failure to utilize appropriate judgment
- Failure to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standards of nursing practice

The following are examples of patient abandonment:

- Nurse accepts a patient assignment and then leaves the facility without reporting off on his/her patients and fails to notify staff and or supervisors about leaving.
- Nurse sleeping on duty without supervisory approval and is unavailable for the patients assigned to his/her care.
- Nurse does not report for an assignment and does not notify the supervisor and the nurse is the sole provider of care, such as home health, private duty or hospice.

There is a difference between patient abandonment and employment abandonment. Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) does not have authority over employment issues; therefore the licensee would not be subject to disciplinary action by LSBN. The following are examples of employment issues:

- Nurse completes his/her shift, reports off on assigned patients and abruptly quits.
- Nurse severs employment without a two weeks’ notice.
- Nurse is a no-call no-show (unless he/she is the sole provider as previously noted).
- Nurse declines to work beyond his/her regularly scheduled shift and does not inform the employer that he/she is unable to do so.

LSBN reviews and evaluates all complaints alleging patient abandonment on a case by case basis. LSBN does not have jurisdiction over employment related issues, such as staffing, employment abandonment and required or mandatory overtime. Employment abandonment would occur if a nurse fails to give reasonable notice to an employer of intent to terminate the employee-employer relationship. Furthermore, appropriate and adequately trained competent staffing is the responsibility of the employer. LSBN does not condone nurses who end their employment without sufficient notice; however, employment abandonment does not fall under the jurisdiction of LSBN and does not constitute patient abandonment.

References:

American Nurses Association Nursing World. (2011). *Background*. Retrieved from <http://ana.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/workforce/NurseShortageStaffing/OvertimeIssues/Background.aspx>.

National Council of State Board of Nursing (2012). *NCSBN Model Rules*. Retrieved from https://www.ncsbn.org/12_Model_Rules_090512.pdf





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Registered Nurse Graduates in Louisiana Are Able to Find Employment:
Results from the Louisiana Center for Nursing New Graduate Survey
by Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN
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A report released by the Louisiana Center for Nursing (LCN) entitled *New Graduate Survey: Finding Employment in Louisiana as a Newly Licensed RN* (2013), revealed that 94% of the 1,137 newly licensed registered nurses (RNs) that responded to the LCN New Graduate Survey were able to find employment as an RN. This is very exciting news for Louisiana in that national and regional level reports have indicated that entry-level RNs are having difficulty finding employment. According to Mancino (2013), "regional unemployment of new RNs is most pronounced in western states (45%), whereas, in the central states, the rate is 27% unemployed" (p.3). According to the national survey of new RN graduates conducted by Dr. Diane Mancino, Executive Director of the National Student Nurses Association, there is a 74% employment rate for new RN graduates in the Southern region of the U.S. which represents the highest employment rate for new RN graduates when compared to other regions of the country (2013). In addition, the 94% employment rate for new RN graduates revealed in the current study, exceeds that of the southern region as a whole.

Findings from the New Graduate Survey revealed that although the vast majority of newly licensed RNs responding to the survey were able to find employment in Louisiana, over a third indicated they were faced with significant challenges when seeking employment, many of which were attributable to employers filling positions with experienced nurses, older nurses that were not retiring, hiring freezes, and in some cases hospitals closing departments, all resulting in a decreased number of positions available for new graduates. The majority of the respondents to the survey found employment within the first six months after graduation, yet it took some of the newly licensed RNs up to 9 months, and still others greater than 12 months to find initial employment as an RN.

Further analysis of the data obtained with the New RN Graduate Survey revealed statistically significant differences between new RN graduates from Associate Degree (AD) programs and Baccalaureate (BSN) programs on the following variables: 1) the percentage that were educated in Louisiana; 2) age; 3) employment setting; and 4) length of time to find initial employment.

Two major recommendations derived from the report focus on developing community-based partnerships between nurse employers and nurse educators to formulate nurse residency programs in acute care settings as well as other specialty areas such as long-term care, to prepare new RNs to safely transition into these practice settings. Universities and community colleges will also need to create partnerships that will allow for seamless transition from one level of education to the next (Diploma and AD to BSN, Masters' and Doctoral).

Findings obtained from the *New Graduate Survey* will be shared with health care workforce policy makers, legislators, employers, educators, and other stakeholders that have a vested interest in assuring that Louisiana has an adequate workforce that is prepared to administer high quality, safe, efficient, patient-centered health care to Louisiana's citizens now and in the future.

For more information on the *New Graduate Survey: Finding Employment in Louisiana as a Newly Licensed RN*, please contact Dr. Cynthia Bienemy at the Louisiana Center for Nursing, lcn@lsbn.state.la.us. Find the complete survey [here](#).

Reference:

Mancino, D.J. (2013). Recalculating: The "nursing shortage" needs new direction. *Deans's Notes*, 34(3), 1-3.





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Rule Changes Regarding Verification of PICC Line Placement

In the December 2012 public meeting, the Board approved revision of LAC 46: XLVII:3707.B.5 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to include that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses under specified provisions may determine PICC catheter placement prior to initiation of therapy provided that final placement verification is provided by a physician. The final rules were published in the Louisiana Register on March 19, 2013 and are available for review on page 63 of the link <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osr/reg/1303/1303.pdf>.

The 2012 Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) Annual Report is Available Online

The LSBN Annual Report is a mechanism that is used to inform the Governor, Members of the Legislature, other state agencies, the health care community, academic institutions and the citizens of Louisiana about the work that is being done by Board Members and Staff to safeguard the life and health of the citizen's of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe, as well as a forum to share information about Louisiana's Registered Nurse (RN) workforce and nursing education capacity.

Did You Know?

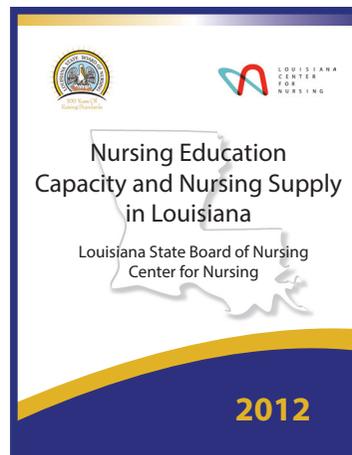
- There were over 59,000 RNs licensed to practice in Louisiana in 2012.

- The percentage of licensed RNs prepared at the baccalaureate or higher degree level in Louisiana exceeded the nation in 2012 - Louisiana-50.9%; U.S.-50%.
- There was a 31% increase in the number of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) holding a license to practice in Louisiana between 2008 and 2012.
- There was a 58% increase in the number of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed and residing in Louisiana between 2008 and 2012 and a 12% increase between 2011 and 2012.
- Over 2,900 qualified applicants were admitted to Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs in 2011-2012
- Over 1,500 qualified applicants were denied admission to Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs for one or more of the following reasons: budgeted faculty positions not available, faculty salaries not competitive, clinical placement sites and classroom space not available.
- Over 2,200 students graduated from Louisiana's pre-RN licensure programs during the 2011-2012 academic year
- The passage rate for graduates from Louisiana's pre-RN-licensure programs on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN Exam) has exceeded that of the national pass rate over the past 5 years

For further information about the 2012 LSBN Annual Report, contact Mrs. Barbara Morvant, Executive Director for LSBN at lsbn@lsbn.state.la.us or Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, Director of the Louisiana Center for Nursing at lcn@lsbn.state.la.us.



LSBN's 2012 Annual Report is ready for viewing. Click [HERE](#) to view the full report.



LSBN's 2012 Nursing Education Capacity and Nursing Supply in Louisiana Report is ready for viewing. Click [HERE](#) to view the full report.





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First-Time NCLEX Performance

Performance of First Time Candidates of Nursing Education Programs in Louisiana on NCLEX-RN, regardless of where taking examination
January 1 - December 31, 2012

Nursing Programs	Number of Candidates	Number Passing	Percent Passing
Associate Degree			
BPCC	18	18	100
BRCC	46	46	100
Charity/Delgado	226	219	96.90
Fletcher Tech CC	26	25	96.15
Louisiana Delta CC	18	16	88.89
LSU Alexandria	49	47	95.92
LSU Eunice	63	58	92.06
Louisiana Tech	70	68	97.14
McNeese	28	26	92.86
Northwestern	113	105	92.92
Our Lady of Lake College	264	232	87.88
Southern Shreveport	83	65	78.31
Total	1,004	925	92.13
Diploma			
Baton Rouge Gen'l	30	30	100
Total	30	30	100
Baccalaureate			
Dillard	18	16	88.89
Grambling	99	65	65.66
Louisiana College	28	27	96.43
LSU Health Science Center	210	206	98.10
McNeese	119	113	94.96
Nicholls	93	91	97.85
Northwestern	128	121	94.53
Our Lady Holy Cross	45	45	100
Southeastern	159	150	94.34
Southern BR	88	82	93.18
Univ of LA Lafayette	127	127	100
Univ of LA Monroe	77	75	97.40
William Carey - N.O.	17	14	82.35
Total	1,208	1,132	93.71
GRAND TOTAL	2,242	2,087	93.09





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Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the February 20, 2013 Board Meeting

Administrative Actions

That the Board/Leadership Staff scheduled a special call meeting as early as possible to work on Strategic Map Implementation Plan

That the Executive Committee meet with the Executive Director to review the fiscal forecast and provide recommendation to the Board. Staff requested to come back with analysis of other state fees.

Accept the New Graduate Survey Report

Education Actions

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Diploma Program in Nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, continued full approval and commended for 100% pass rate for second consecutive calendar year.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Baton Rouge Community College, continued full approval and commended for 100% pass rate.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Bossier Parish Community College, continued full approval and commended for 100% pass rate.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Dillard University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Fletcher Technical Community College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Grambling State University; continued conditional approval secondary to non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c (NCLEX pass rate).

Instructed Grambling State University to submit an Interim Report related to non-compliance, (NCLEX pass rate) by April 16, 2013.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at the Louisiana College and continues full approval.

Accepted Louisiana College IUON Survey Report of Spring 2013.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana Delta Community College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana State University at Eunice and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana Tech University and placed on conditional approval secondary to non-compliance with 3515.B.8 (Faculty exception).

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing Programs at McNeese State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Nicholls State University and continued full approval.





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Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing Programs at Northwestern State University of Louisiana and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and continued full approval and commended for 100% pass rate, for second consecutive calendar year.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing Programs at Our Lady of the Lake College and continued full approval for the Associate Degree Program and Initial Approval for the Baccalaureate Degree Program.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Southeastern Louisiana University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at Southern University at Baton Rouge and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Southern University at Shreveport, and placed on conditional approval secondary to non-compliance with 3536.B.3.c (NCLEX pass rate).

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and continued full approval and commended on 100% pass rate.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at University of Louisiana at Monroe and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Program at William Carey University and restored full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Grambling State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN)

and continued full approval status.

McNeese State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Nichols State University

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Loyola University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Northwestern State University and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Our Lady of the Lake College and continued full approval.

Accepted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Graduate Degree in Nursing Program at Southern University at Baton Rouge and continued full approval.

Acknowledged and accepted the proposal submitted by Our Lady of the Lake College to close the New Orleans campus offering an Accelerated ASN Program.

Acknowledged and accepted the proposal submitted by William Carey University to close the New Orleans campus offering a BSN degree effective February 2014.

Granted permission to William Carey University to halt admissions to the New Orleans campus effective immediately.

Approved the major curriculum change at Louisiana State University Health Science Center to reduce the BSN credit hours from 123 to 120 total hours.

Established a task force for the purpose of examining and revising the Louisiana Nursing Articulation Model (2005).





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Granted approval status of the Louisiana College as an approved provider of continuing education (LSBN Provider #55) effective February 20, 2013- February 20, 2015.

Granted continued approval status of Egan Healthcare as an approved provider of continuing education (LSBN provider #52) effective March 2, 2013 through March 2, 2015.

Approved the request of Arizona State University to offer Graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following concentration
BSN-DNP (Adult Gerontology NP)

Additionally, Arizona State University must meet the following requirements:

Students and Faculty must have active unencumbered Louisiana License. Preceptors must have active unencumbered Louisiana RN and APRN Licenses and adhere to the guidelines set forth in LAC45XLVII.4509.U.

Institution must adhere to LAC45XLVII.4509.I Guidelines for Advanced Practice Nurse requirements.

Credentialing Actions

Accepted and approved the addition of Special Healthcare Event Temporary Permits to Title 46, Professional and Occupational Standards, LXVII. Nurses, Subpart 2: Registered Nurses, §3328.

Motion made directing staff to submit a Notice of Intent with the Louisiana Register for rule promulgation.

Practice Actions

Accepted and approved draft of Bulletin 135 – Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, §305 Administration of Medication and §307 Diabetes Management and Treatment.

Motion made directing staff to submit a Notice of Intent with the Louisiana Register for rule promulgation.

Nursys e-Notify



NEW Service!

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Nursys® is the **only** national database for verification of nurse licensure, discipline and practice privileges for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs). It is comprised of data obtained **directly** from the licensure systems of U.S. boards of nursing (BONs) through frequent, secured updates.

e-Notify is an innovative nurse licensure notification system that delivers real-time notifications to employers about nurses in their employ. The system provides licensure and publicly available discipline data directly as the information is entered into the Nursys database by boards of nursing.

For more information on this service please visit the board website [here](#).

2013 State Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day.....	May 27
Independence Day.....	July 4
Labor Day.....	September 2
Veterans Day.....	November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 28
Christmas Day.....	December 25

Future Meeting Dates

BOARD MEETING DATES

- June 12, 2013
- August 14, 2013
- October 9, 2013
- December 11, 2013

